

Cook, March 70.

Sammy's interview with peasants, Feb 1970  
(with Cook) "Is the village happy or sad?"

Peasants: "Want the shooting to stop.

It's going to die down."

Why?

"When the Americans leave; and they're leaving."

What of Saigon? "You see, they get many  
and arms from the Americans. When the Americans  
go, the Saigon government will be weaker, and the  
NLF government will win."

What about NVA?

"Well, after all, they're VNese. They're all  
right." [No support to Vann's view on NVA.]

"NLF and Saigon people are all VNese;  
when the Americans leave, they will get together  
and sign some papers, and reach an agreement."

"What agreement?"

"Who knows? I'm just a peasant."

Why do Americans fight? "Who knows?"

(Khang biet?) Some: "They hate communists."

One: "We'll go out troops down"



Happy about prosperity (best rice crop in LA)  
And happy roads are open. But they don't  
"thank" GVN for this; think GVN was just  
opening roads for military purposes.

Want peace. No apprehensions over  
VC victory; no fear of losing prosperity. (!)

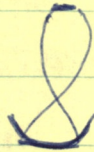
[Vs. them: peasants now more concerned  
with prosperity, not with war.

RF DEC: people told him, at first: "You're  
an imperialist (Savagot) and you're a puppet."

Hondes - GVN officials. Quotidian taxes.



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Nelson: coalition      Would work, but --

Sacks: ceasefire      Wait until

Goodell: still on 1 year?



What is Admin Plan?

What do we hope to bring about: How?  
(Credibility of Goodell Plan?)

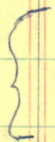
7] Nelson: There will be no policy of bloodbath,  
if DRV (Hanoi's?) aim in negot is "flee of China" (?)

Harrison, Kissinger + I agree on what they are  
offering: coalition gov. But

See Jan 25, Wash. Post — destruction of political parties.

Total costs

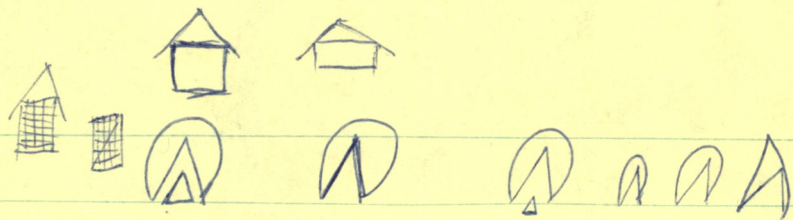
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DRV into  
dynamic  
model



Rates (show rate = Admin commitment) : escalation  
withdrawal? (23,000 - Delta)

"elections" — must be preceded by freedom (how gov?)  
Where we support := GVN = ... (quote Thae) { pursuant US  
no negot  
Prov. Gov.





Seaks: Pull-out of US may mean more repression GVN,  
not "broadening." [While we are still there.]

[What does Pres. policy seem to be; what is it?]

[Effects of Pres. policy on: Hanoi  
GVN  
US]

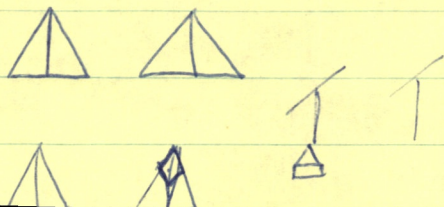
Seaks: The one major <sup>pol.</sup> group that matters in  
SVN is the An Quang Buddhists

And 35-50 non-affiliated groups in N.A.

[Saigon; Union; Hoa Hao, Cao Dai]



[Dominoes: ~~We shouldn't do what we did in~~  
Nixon Doctrine is a statement not only about  
what we





South Vietnam's silenced majority

Kim





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address reason for target date

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